Jailbreaking devices

I am in support of smartphones and tablet being able to be jailbroken and 'unlocked' so to speak. I am a high school teacher and I use a very engaging device to help teach my students – an iPad. Several aspects of having a jailbroken device are useful for engaging my students, teaching them through this useful tool and allowing for more ways to teach.

For instance simple limitations such as not being able to use the programs I like on the projector I'm supplied with at school is... limiting. So having the simple ability to project my entire iPad or iPhone screen is essential.

Another factor is time. When some lessons are short or taken up by other things time is a big factor. SBSettings is a great feature that Apple lacks on their device – not because they cannot do this but because they are limiting their device for some other reasons (by choice) most likely to stay competitive in the market. When many of us pay hundreds of dollars and commit to long plans for these phones that we think are our own, it is frustrating when we are confronted with the restrictions that are placed on them. But back to time, it is useful having short-cuts during class (and outside of class) to speed up the process and keep students engaged for all sorts of reasons.

I think these two reasons alone show the simple (and unnecessary) restrictions that are places on the iPhone and iPad that might be specifically necessary for certain users in certain situations but generally there are so many things we are not able to that we should be able to. I think it's fair to assume this spreads over many other devices as nothing is perfect and everyone has their own specific needs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts.